

Parish PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 9, 2017  
 Time: 7:00 p.m.  
 Place: St. Agnes

Chairperson: Daniel Marcellus  
 Prayer: Ryne Raffaele

ATTENDANCE: Father Michael Fowler, Ryne Raffaele, Daniel Marcellus, Barbara Kolstee, Daniel Cochrane, Frank Reynolds, Joseph LaGreca, David Shaffer, Steve Worboys

TRUSTEES: Lorraine Hoffman, Roger Greiten

GUEST: Report	None
WELCOME DANIEL MARCELLUS	Daniel Marcellus opened the meeting at 7pm and welcomed everyone
PRAYER	Joe LaGreca led us in the opening and closing prayers.
INTRODUCTIONS DANIEL MARCELLUS	Introductions were not necessary
FATHER MICHAEL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brian Denny, our financial overseer for the cluster, has taken another position. His replacement has not been named.</li> <li>2. Father Michael announce that Father Fred would be leaving @ the end of June. He is being assigned as Pastoral Administrator of St. Theodore's. This will require our cluster to review Mass times. Several Sunday times have been suggested for consideration. Information &amp; Discussion will be required.</li> <li>3. A newly ordained Deacon will be assigned to our Cluster after Memorial Day.</li> <li>4. Father was invited to attend the Diocesan Priests' Council. They discussed extending the normal retirement age for priest to 75. Further discussion and information will be gathered.</li> </ol>
OPEN TOPICS	<p>1. Appointments to the Parish Council are up for renewals. Father Michael asked if the current appointees would be willing to serve for another year. They all agreed.                  St. Agnes : Dan Cochrane St. Paul's: Frank Reynolds St. Rose: Barb Kolstee                  Ryne Raffaele will be the next Pastoral Council Chairperson. Other officers on the Council will be decided at the June Meeting.</p> <p>2. Dan Marcellus reported on a meeting held @ the St. Joseph Mother House on "Why Are the Pews Empty". The meeting was led by Fr. Jim Lawlor and Fr. Dan Ruiz. (St. Benedict's) They described an active program called Sunday Salon which reaches out to all families in the parish. They meet 1x/month with a program of Mass/Meal/Catechesis and have projects/suggestions for families to take home for continuation during the month. It has been very successful. Discussion noted that we have been reviewing/discussing the book ReBuilt, Christine DeVito is taking some cluster people to review a program for renewal @ Guardian Angels, and we could find out more about the St. Benedict program. Further discussion will be conducted. Dan Marcellus suggested that we meet regularly during summer months to keep continuity and momentum.</p> <p>3. Barb Kolstee made a case for more tolerant and open listening during discussions so that preconceived positions/ideas might be examined.</p> <p>4, Dan Cochrane supported Barb's position and mentioned that there is a new church in a plaza in Avon that seems to be successfully recruiting people from many established religions in the community. They have something that attracts new people. The need to be welcoming was emphasized. All demographics of our parish must be considered in a program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Ryne pointed out the poor attendance numbers from our Cluster that attended both the Men's and Women's retreats @ Notre Dame Retreat House this year. Another example of a great program of enrichment that needs more promotion.</li> <li>6. David Shaffer pointed out that the Rebuilt book noted that we shouldn't expect to compete in the secular space and we need to respond to people who are seeking happiness in Jesus,</li> </ol>

	<p>not finding it in the material world.</p> <p>He noted that family units are not as cohesive, or aligned, in their religious needs as they might have been in the past.</p> <p>7. Frank reported that work is being done on collecting activity photos for the Life Touch Pictorial Directory. To date only 111 families have participated. The Life Touch rep suggest having another “shooting day”. Father Michael would have no objections to this. Roger Greiten said that he has had trouble submitting a family photo for the directory. Dan Cochrane indicated that he has submitted his own family photo.</p> <p>8. Roger Greiten, representing the bible study group, handed out an excerpt from “Laudato Si”, Pope Francis’ encyclical on environmental stewardship. He asked that we have a regular campaign offering suggestions for the parishes and families to encourage environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Fr. Michael asked that he be the contact for any activity in this area.</p> <p>9. Dan Marcellus mentioned the need for a baby diaper changing station near the rest room in the St. Paul’s basement. He would donate the station and John Connelly would help install it. It was suggested that he just check with Bonnie to see if there are any restrictions on this, but it was supported by all and he was asked to proceed.</p>
NEXT MEETING LOCATION & DATE	June 13, 2017 at 7pm at St. Paul’s
PRAYER & REFRESHMENT	Frank Reynolds will provide the opening and closing prayers and refreshments.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Frank Reynolds